Condition of certain roads and their maintenance grants.

49. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (1) Are the Government aware of the most unsatisfactory condition of the following roads :—

(i) the Kayankulam-Mannar road from Kayankulam to Tattarambalam ($5\frac{1}{2}$ miles) ;

(ii) the Mavelikara-Trikkunnapuzha road from Tattarambalam ($2\frac{1}{2}$ miles) to Nangiarkulangara ($6\frac{5}{8}$ miles) ; and

(iii) the Quilon-Alleppey road from Nangiarkulangara (31 miles) to Kannalippalam ($38\frac{3}{8}$ miles) ?

(2) Will they be pleased to state :

(*a*) the rate of maintenance grant for each of the above roads ; and

(*b*) the rate of maintenance grant for the Quilon-Alleppey road from Ambalapuzha to Alleppey ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) It is reported that, though every effort is made to improve them, they are deteriorating owing to the heavy bus traffic.

(2) (*a*) (i) Kayankulam-Mannar road—Rs. 200 per mile.

(ii) Mavelikara-Trikkunnapuzha road—Rs. 200 per mile.

(iii) Quilon-Alleppey road from Nangiarkulangara to Kannalipalam—Rs. 250 per mile.

(*b*) Rs. 500 per mile.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know how many months have elapsed after the report of the deterioration of the roads has been brought to the notice of Government ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Brought to the notice of Government by whom ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): By the Public Works Department.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice as to the exact date of the report from the subordinate officers to the Chief Engineer.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know when it had been brought to the notice of the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Probably it has not been brought to the notice of the Government. I cannot say when it was brought to the notice of Government ; whether there was an earlier report I don't know. It has been brought to notice in connection with this interpellation.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Whether anything has been done to check the deterioration of these roads ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): All that could be done with the maintenance grant is being done.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Has the maintenance grant been increased owing to this fact?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No. In connection with the interpellation the Chief Engineer has expressed the idea that the grant is not sufficient. The question will come up for consideration.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know why Rs. 500 is allotted for the maintenance of the Quilon-Alleppey road from Ambalapuzha to Alleppey, while only Rs. 200 is allotted for Kayankulam-Mannar road and Mavelikara-Trikunnapuzha road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No exact reason can be given. Such variations are found in several cases.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether there is any particular reason for such variation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Erection of bunds in the Vayalar East pakuti for irrigation purposes.

50. MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether bunds are being erected in proper time at Pullan *chira*, Kochu *chira* and Plasseri in the Vayalar East pakuti in the Shertallai taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner and the Chief Engineer have reported that no bunds are put up by their departments.

Road from Vazhakulam Market to Vazhittala Market.

51. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): In regard to the opening of a road from the Vazhakulam market in the Todupuzha taluk to the Vazhittala market, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) for how many years allotments have been made annually in the budget and the same allowed to lapse;

(*b*) whether even a mile of this road has been completed till now (1-7-1929); and—

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, whether they will issue orders to have it completed immediately at least now?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Three years.

(*b*) No. No work was possible till the land acquisition proceedings were completed.

(*c*) The lands have recently been handed over and the work has been begun and the same was inspected by the Chief Engineer.

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